

# **LAC VIEUX DESERT BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS**

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

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Director

Office of Child Care

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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how The Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (LVD) plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Service/Subsidies – Lac Vieux Desert will provide direct childcare services including childcare subsidy to essential workers in the Lac Vieux Desert Tribal Service area. These include health care workers, emergency responders, food service staff, sanitation workers and other workers found to be essential frontline staff. This also includes those that conduct a range of operations and services that are typically essential to continue critical infra structure operation including management.
2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practice- Lac Vieux Desert will provide resources and supplies to providers and home childcare programs to support ongoing implementation of health and safety practices and policies already in place. PPE (personal protective equipment) including masks, gloves, cleaning essential and other health and safety items will be delivered to homes. We will also purchase air purifiers for home care to assist in filtering dust, smoke, pollen, pollutants, virus, and other particles, leaving clean air behind. Regular educational materials regarding COVID-19 19, pandemic reality and other reminders will be included with supply

items. We also will purchase a van for the purpose of delivering in an extremely rural service area in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We understand that this vehicle is for staff use only and will not transport client families or children.

3. Grants and /or Assistance to Stabilize Child Care Providers (other than subsidies) - Lac Vieux Desert will purchase a new computer and updated software to better search for resources, health and safety items, quality service items and assist in more creativity and education within the childcare network, for the Lac Vieux Desert Child Care Program.
4. Assistance to providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the pandemic- Child care subsidy assistance will be made available to those families that are eligible for the program however did not use the program prior to Covid-19. This will prove to be only a few in the LVD Tribal community but will assist those working at the LVD Casino and other tribal business entities.

The Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Respectfully Submitted,



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